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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN FROM CHARGE

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1. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR VISIT TO MONTEVIDEO FOLLOW.
DATES FOR VISIT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH FONMINISTRY
AND FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF THEM SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING
VERY SOON. DO NOT ANTICIPATE PROBLEM.

2. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17 - EVENING OF ARRIVAL. SUBJECT
YOUR CONCURRENCE AND THAT OF AMBASSADOR PEZZULLO SUGGEST
COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING AT RESIDENCE BEGINNING ABOUT 8:15
P.M. FOLLOWED BY INFORMAL SUPPER WITH AMBASSADOR AND A
VERY FEW SELECTED MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF.

3. THURSDAY, AUGUST 18- FOR MORNING, AND SUBJECT THEIR
SCHEDULES, PROPOSE CALL ON FONMINISTER ALEJANDRO ROVIRA
FOLLOWED BY CALL ON AND DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT APARICIO
MENDEZ AND THOSE ADVISORS HE MIGHT WISH TO HAVE PRESENT.
THEN PROCEED TO BRIEF WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT
STATUE OF ARTIGAS IN FRONT OF PRESIDENCY. THIS IS
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CUSTOMARY FOR HIGH RANKING VISITORS TO MONTEVIDEO.
IF TIME PERMITS IN MORNING, VISIT WITH MINISTER OF
DEFENSE AND THREE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF OF THE ARMED
FORCES. OPTIONAL TO LATTER IS MEETING AT EMBASSY WITH
COUNCIL OF AMERICAS COMPOSED OF ABOUT TWELVE US
CITIZENS REPRESENTING MAJOR AMERICAN FIRMS IN URUGUAY.
CINCS COULD THEN BE MOVED TO AFTERNOON. ALSO, BEFORE

BEGINNING MORNING SCHEDULE YOU MAY WISH ADDRESS BRIEFLY AMERICAN AND LOCAL MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF IN CHANCERY LOBBY.

4. AUGUST 18- CONTINUING WITH PROGRAM FOR DAY, PROPOSE WORKING LUNCHEON AT THE RESIDENCE WITH FONMINISTER AND A FEW OF HIS KEY ADVISORS. THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED AT ABOUT 3:30 P.M. BY CALL ON PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE NATION, DR. HAMLET REYES, WITH IMMEDIATE SUBSEQUENT JOINT MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF STATE COMMITTEES ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS (HUMAN RIGHTS). TWO COMMITTEES NUMBER ABOUT 14 PERSONS. THIS COULD BE FOLLOWED EITHER BY MEETING WITH CINCS OR WITH COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAS DEPENDING UPON HOW SCHEDULE WORKS OUT FOR MORNING. I ASSUME THAT GOU WOULD WISH TO OFFER YOU A DINNER OR RECEPTION THE EVENING OF THE 18TH.

5. FRIDAY AUGUST 19 - IN THE MORNING, MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE GOU ECONOMIC TEAM INCLUDING MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE, SECRETARY OF PLANNING, COORDINATION AND INFORMATION, PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL BANK, PRESIDENT OF BANK OF THE REPUBLIC AND DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN TRADE. FOLLOWING THIS MEETING, PROPOSE PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE CHANCERY OR BI-NATIONAL CENTER THEATER. HOPE YOU WILL AGREE TO DO THIS. WOULD YOU CONFIDENTIAL

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PREFER HAVE INTERPRETER FOR PRESS CONFERENCE? IF SO, CAN HE BE PROFESSIONAL URUGUAYAN INTERPRETER OR SHOULD HE BE EMBASSY STAFF MEMBER? FINAL OFFICIAL EVENT WOULD BE ANOTHER WORKING LUNCHEON AT THE RESIDENCE POSSIBLY WITH FONMINISTER, SECDEFENSE AND THREE CINCS, ALTHOUGH THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT. YOU SHOULD PLAN TO LEAVE THE RESIDENCE AT ABOUT 3 OR 3:15 P.M. FOR YOUR OUTGOING FLIGHT ON CRUZEIRO.

6. I WILL BE DISCUSSING THE ABOVE IN GENERAL TERMS WITH FONMINISTRY IN NEXT FEW DAYS AND WOULD OF COURSE APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS.

7. SUGGEST ARRIVAL STATEMENT, BUT WITHOUT RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS AT AIRPORT IN VIEW OF PROPOSED PRESS CONFERENCE. LATTER WILL ALSO OBVIATE NEED FOR DEPARTURE STATEMENT AND FOR RESPONDING FURTHER TO QUESTIONS AT AIRPORT UPON YOUR DEPARTURE. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS WITH SUGGESTED ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN SPANISH AND ANOTHER WITH QUESTIONS THAT YOU WILL BE CONFRONTED WITH BY PRESS DURING YOUR VISIT HERE. BELIEVE SUGGESTED SCHEDULE IS COMPREHENSIVE AND WILL PUT YOU IN MEANINGFUL

CONTACT WITH THOSE YOU SHOULD MEET WHILE HERE.

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